

IT MAY BE NEWS TO SOME ONE ELSE, BUT IT MEANS NOTHING TO OUR YOUNG LIFE.—By Goldberg.

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JOHNSON BILLS  
PASS COMMITTEEOrdered Reported to Aid At-  
tack Upon Half-and-  
half Plan.

## PROUTY PRINCIPLES SEEN

One Provides Money from Treasury  
Shall Not Be as Much as Half  
of District Expense.

Anticipating an attack on the half-and-half plan when the District bill comes up in debate, the House District Committee yesterday ordered a favorable report on four bills, drafted by Chairman Johnson in such a manner that they may be offered as amendments to the District bill. Although Representative Prouty's bill was not ordered favorably reported, the principles of his bill are seen in Johnson's resolutions. The bills ordered reported yesterday were:

1. "That all moneys appropriated for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia shall be paid out of the revenues of said District to the extent that they are available, and the balance shall be paid out of the money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, but the amount to be paid from the Treasury of the United States shall in no event be as much as one-half of said expenses."

2. "That hereafter all real estate in the District of Columbia which is subject to taxation shall be listed annually by the assessor for taxable purposes instead of triennially, as heretofore, and all laws are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict herewith."

3. "To amend the act of 1903 by striking out the words, 'not less than two-thirds of the effect of which would be to force assessment on real estate at full value.'"

4. "To amend the same act further by a change of wording which legalizes and forces the assessment and taxation of all personal property, tangible and intangible money, cash, credits, etc."

## MOVIES TRUST FIGHTS SUIT.

Companies Combined for Self-preservation, Is Defense.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—Self-preservation was the principle upon which the motion picture trust entered uniform agreement in 1908, according to the defense offered in the United States District Court here today by Charles S. Kinsley, attorney for the Motion Picture Company, in opposition to the suit of the government for a dissolution.

Thought of a monopoly in restraint of trade was absent, he said. In 1908 there was turmoil as a result of infringing by the respective interests of one another's patents. Infringement suits were many. The government maintains that the infringement suits were a subterfuge in the formation of the trust, but Mr. Kinsley contends that the litigants were fighting without settlement.

## SMOKE WHILE UNDER KNIFE.

New Use of Local Anesthesia Is Demonstrated Successfully.

Tokio, Ohio, Dec. 9.—Two young men, smoking cigars, were operated upon in a local hospital today. Both smoked while serious surgical operations were performed upon them, painlessly.

Only a local anesthetic—cocaine—was used. These and many other surgical operations, such as the removal of tonsils, were performed during the clinic in the presence of about forty physicians and surgeons.

The surgeons have demonstrated, they assert, that in future nearly all operations can be performed by the use of local anesthetic, thus obviating the serious, sometimes fatal, accidents that usually follow major operations.

## FAIR SHOPPIER RELEASED.

Girl Who Said She Was Schlegel's Niece Goes Free.

New York, Dec. 9.—The young woman of distinguished appearance who was arraigned in Yorkville Court yesterday for shoplifting and giving her name as Miss Rose Schlegel, niece of the late John Schlegel, was released today. She was arraigned again today. Her aunt, Mrs. Hamilton, of 60 West Eighth-third street, stood beside her in the case in which they were being lowered to their work.

"Will you promise never to do it again?" asked Magistrate Barlow, when informed that the store owners had decided not to prosecute.

The prisoner nodded.

"Discharged," said the judge.

Miss Schlegel started at once for her home in Jacksonville, Fla.

## DROPS DYNAMITE. NINE KILLED.

Miner's Carelessness Causes Death of Self and Coworkers.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 9.—Nine men were killed today when a miner dropped a can of dynamite in the Diamond mine at North Seranton, causing an explosion that wrecked the cage in which they were being lowered to their work.

There were ten men in the cage when the explosion occurred. All dropped to the bottom of the shaft. Only one, Martin Belinsky, escaped death. He was terribly injured.

## BRITISH HAVE HUGE GUN.

New Ordnance Arm Outstrips Anything Germans Have, Says Letter.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The English ordnance department has constructed an enormous gun that will more than offset the heavy artillery of the Germans, according to a letter received here from London.

It says that the weapon has a terrific penetrating power and is a most formidable radius of twenty-seven acres.

## BEYERS, IN FLIGHT, DROWNED.

Cape Town, South Africa, Dec. 9.—Confirmation of a report that Gen. Beyers, the Boer rebel leader, has been killed in a district received here from Johannesburg today.

Beyers was wounded in a fight with a loyal command and was drowned while trying to escape over the Vaal River when his force was routed.

## New York Hotel Arrivals.

Washingtonians are registered at Gotham hotels:

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F. E. Altman, Murray Hill—  
C. Morris, R. L. Stevenson,  
W. E. Hoover, J. Wilson.  
Grand—  
J. M. H. Caro, J. M. Bocker,  
Park Avenue—  
H. W. Jackson, E. T. Harding,  
Mrs. E. S. Sturgis, Endicott,  
Hoffman—  
W. M. Shuster.

NELLIE BLY A WAR  
CORRESPONDENTSecretary Lane Reports In-  
dians Raised to Higher  
Civilization.

## WEST TO BE DEVELOPED

Surveyors Have Four Plans for Build-  
ing Alaskan Railway, Which They  
Will Submit to Wilson.

In his annual report filed with the President yesterday, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane says that three things of unusual purport have marked the life of the Interior Department during the past year—the passing of the Cherokee Nation, the opening of Alaska, and the advancement of a series of measures aimed to promote the further development of the West.

On July 1 last the Cherokee Nation ceased to exist. "This act was the culmination of a treaty promise made over eighty years ago, extended by statute, and at last placed within administrative discretion," says Secretary Lane. "The word of the white man has been made good. These native and aspiring people have been lifted as American citizens into full fellowship with their civilized conquerors."

## Western Measures Pass.

Secretary Lane says that in his report of last year he suggested a series of measures for the development of Western resources which he thought consonant with the advancing spirit of our times.

"There were five of these measures," he says, "one providing for a government railroad system in Alaska; an Alaskan coal leasing bill; a new reclamation act; a bill providing for a new method of opening and developing coal, phosphate, oil, and potash fields; and a water power bill. All of these measures have been passed by the House of Representatives, and the first three also passed the Senate and by your approval have become law."

## Four Plans for Railroad.

Concerning Alaska, Secretary Lane

says: "Hope has again come to the heart of the waiting Alaskan in the promise of a railroad that shall pierce the mountains of the coast and reach the great interior of this beautiful and promising land. The commission of engineers appointed by you to survey possible routes through the Chitina Valley, already returned, and will in a short time submit to you its plans and surveys upon which may be based a conclusion as to the route and character of the railroad to be built. Four coast points have been considered as possible termini:ordova, from which now runs the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad, which could be extended northward through the Chitina Valley to the Tanana; Valdez, from which now runs an excellent government road, extending through the Chitina Valley to Fairbanks; Portage Bay, on the west coast of Prince William Sound, where no settlement now exists, but which could be connected with Turnagain Arm by tunnel and so on northward through the Seward Valley to Fairbanks; and Seward, from which now extends the Alaska Northern for seventy-two miles to the eastern end of Turnagain Arm."

## Will Lease Coal Lands.

Secretary Lane reviews the work of

the department in connection with the law providing for the leasing of the coals of Alaska. Surveys are being made and leases are to be awarded through competitive bidding for large tracts with a minimum bid of \$100,000 to the government of 2 cents a ton and an annual rental of from 25 cents to \$1 per acre per acre, applicable on the royalty. The law provides that the coal shall be sold to the lowest bidder, and the proceeds of the sale shall be paid to the United States Treasury.

## Ever Hear of Such Things?

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 9.—Selling citizen-

ship papers to German sailors is said to be a new frontier from "bunch" industry.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 9.—Raymond Gilchrist, charged with running over traffic sign posts, blocking a train, and knocking down a man with his new automobile, will sell the car cheap.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 9.—Because the bath was not scalded so badly when he got into the tub that he has been unable to work since, Henry Keiman used to be a barber, a bathhouse proprietor, for \$200.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 9.—With great skill an engineer of an Erie milk train managed to stop his train in time to avoid striking an automobile which was standing on the tracks. Investigation showed the owner asleep in the car.

Jersey City, Dec. 9.—Four years ago Police Sergeant James Keitt gave a letter to a girl who was looking for a job. He has just received a letter from a San Francisco lawyer telling him that the "hobo" left Keitt \$100 in his will.

## MILLIONAIRES KILLED.

Two Die as Auto Turns Turtle.

Third Is Injured.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 9.—George Brandt, vice president of the Grand Rapids Brewing Company, and William Veit, secretary of the Veit Manufacturing Company, both millionaires, were killed instantly today when their automobile overturned on a sharp curve in the Reeds Lake boulevard.

G. A. Kusterer, a third member of the party, was seriously injured.

## BIG FIRE IN NAVY YARD.

Building at Charlestown Destroyed.

Sailors and Marines Help Firemen.

Boston, Dec. 9.—Fire today destroyed building No. 64 at the Charlestown Navy Yard, and for a time threatened other structures in which were stored munitions of war.

Fifty thousand marines and sailors helped the Boston firemen fight the fire, for which two alarms were sounded. The loss was estimated at \$10,000.

## CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN GERMANY.

Severe Also Is Reported Spread-

ing in Austria-Hungary.

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—Cholera has broken out in Germany and is spreading rapidly in Austria-Hungary, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Telegraph. It says thirty-six cases have been discovered in Germany and 1,600 in Austria-Hungary, where 300 deaths have already occurred.

## Russian Cabinet Member Dies.

Peterson, Dec. 9.—Minister of Public

Instruction Casso died today of cancer.

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HANS SIMPMEYER'S  
DELICATESSEN STORE IN  
WHICH FOUR FRANKFURTERS  
AND A SARDINE  
WERE MIRACULOUSLY  
SAVED BY HIDING  
UNDER A CHEESE  
SANDWICH""UMBRAGON, RUSSIA :—  
SCHOOL BOYS OVER SEVENTY  
PASSING IN REVIEW BEFORE  
THE CZAR'S BOOTBLACK,  
STANISLAWS SHOES OFF—  
THE MAN ON THE EXTREME  
LEFT IS UNKNOWN—SO ARE  
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ARMY ORDERS.

The order of the Secretary of War, June 20, 1914,

directing Col. Henry P. McCain, adjutant general, to proceed to Washington, D. C., and report in person to the Adjutant General of the army for duty in his office, is confirmed and made of record.

Mrs. Lavinia, Irving M. Madison, Signal Corps, is relieved from duty with Field Company D, Signal Corps, and will proceed to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., for duty with Telegraph Company B, Signal Corps.

The leave of absence granted First Lieut. Edward S. Harrison, Coast Artillery Corps, November 6, 1914, Western Department, is extended seventeen days.

Capt. Ernest Graves, Corps of Engineers, is relieved from duty at Dallas, Tex., to take effect at such time as his services at that place may be spared by the chief of engineers, and is assigned to the Second Battalion of Engineers, and will proceed at the proper time to Texas City, Tex.

Capt. Daniel E. McCarthy, Quartermaster Corps, is relieved from duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and is assigned to the Quartermaster Corps, and will proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to take effect at such time as his services at that place may be spared by the chief of engineers, and is assigned to the Second Battalion of Engineers, and will proceed at the proper time to Texas City, Tex.

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